

forming two central, parallel welds running longitudinally, bordering said central strip for defining a secured lip on the inner wall of each of said bags, said secured lip of each said bag being attached to the respective edge of said central strip for the said chain of that said bag and

forming a longitudinal slit in said upper layer of said tubular film to define a free lip on the outer wall of each of said bags; an aperture being defined between said inner and outer walls to receive objects to be packeted;

transporting said bags and said central strip along an elongated transfer track extending in the direction of transport;

supporting said bags from said central strip when said central strip travels along support edges of said track to transport said bags along the edges of said transfer track, said central strip supporting said bags by their respective secured lips on opposite sides of said transfer track;

separating said outer walls from said inner walls of said bags for opening the apertures by decreasing the distance between the edges of said bags traveling along a portion of said track relative to the lengths of said inner walls of said bags traveling along that said portion of said track;

packetting said bags with articles to be contained.

17. The method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising sealing the apertures of said bags after packetting said bags.

18. The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising blowing air at said bag apertures to facilitate the separation of said outer walls from said inner walls of said bags.

19. The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising laterally separating each bag within each of said chains of bags.

20. An apparatus for packetting objects in bags comprising:

an elongated transfer track for a central strip and two chains of bags attached to the strip to be transported along; said transfer track having opposite sides and including a shaping head having a pair of spaced support edges which start upstream in the direction of strip transport as separated by a first distance and rise below the central strip for lifting it and converge as they rise in the direction of transport of the strip to be spaced a second distance apart which is less than the width of the central strip to form a spine in the central strip between said edges the strip extending in the direction of transport;

each of said support edges having a respective rising bend and converging toward said other bend for separating the outer wall of a bag from the inner wall thereof as they pass over said bends to allow access to the interiors of the bags, said bends being oriented so that the lengths of the apertures of said bags traveling along said bends are made less than the lengths of the inner walls of said bags traveling along said bends to separate the outer walls from the inner walls;

means for transporting the bags along said transfer track; and,

means for packetting the bags after the outer walls are separated from the inner walls of the bags.

21. The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said bends are rising and converging S-bends.

22. The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said bends of said transfer track converge and rise in the vertical and horizontal planes to lift the central strip in the direction of bag chain transport.

23. The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a support wall extending vertically from said support edges to support the inner walls of the bags when the bags travel along said transfer track.

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